



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
San Francisco District

Project Map

CORTE MADERA CREEK
MARIN COUNTY, CA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

STUDY DESCRIPTION: Corte Madera Creek and its tributaries drain an area of 28 square miles in Marin County, California, and discharge into the west side of San Francisco Bay at a point about 9 miles north of the Golden Gate bridge. The flood control project has been built in separate units.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$100,000

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: The current project will lay out the plan for design and construction of unit 4 with indirect benefits to units 2 and 3. Unit 4 includes a natural flood control channel and a sedimentation basin located at the Town of Ross.

PRESENT STATUS: The project study plan was approved on February 17, 1999, initiating the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/SEIR) to develop a concept plan based on the 1996 Marin County Board of Supervisors Design Guidelines for a consensus plan. The 1966 authorized cost sharing and financing requirements apply as long as the originally authorized project remains the recommended project. Phase I of the GRR determined that project benefits exceed costs, and identified the optimal federal plan. The Design Advisory Committee (DAC), with representatives from Ross, Kentfield, Corte Madera, and Larkspur, provided input on the concept plan. Several design workshops were held, with project presentations and discussion with the DAC. An Alternative Screening Conference in September 1999, based on input from the workshops, identified the optimal plan for federal cost participation. A Draft Alternative Screening Conference Report was released in November 1999. Public meetings in Ross, Kentfield, Corte Madera, and Larkspur gathered public review comment on the Draft. Local jurisdictions and Marin County identified the Locally Preferred Plan, which includes a bypass culvert to divert high flows around the historically significant Lagunitas Road Bridge.

FUTURE EFFORTS: GRR Phase II activities in FY02 will begin with studies to ensure that the Locally Preferred Plan will not damage the historic Lagunitas Road Bridge nor unacceptably impact the Town of Ross, and further examine upstream creeks and the watershed, all of import to the Town of Ross. GRR Phase II design and environmental work will then commence, with completion scheduled for 2003.